



## *House of Representatives*

### **GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MEDIA RULES**

The House Communications Office administers press passes for media covering the Georgia House of Representatives. There are two types of passes available: a one day pass and a permanent pass for one calendar year. Listed below are the rules and guidelines governing the accreditation process.

#### **RULES GOVERNING THE PRESS GALLERIES**

1. Administration of the press galleries shall be vested in the House Communications Office.
2. Persons desiring admission to the press galleries of the Georgia House Chamber shall make application in accordance with Rule 7 of the Georgia House of Representatives, subject to the direction and control of the Speaker, subject to review and an approval by the House Communications Office.
3. The House Communications Office shall limit membership in the press galleries to bona fide correspondents of repute in their profession, under such rules as the House Communications Office shall prescribe.
4. An applicant for press credentials through the daily press galleries must establish to the satisfaction of the House Communications Office that he or she is a paid correspondent who requires on-site access to House Members and staff. Correspondents must be employed by a news organization:
  - (a) With General Publication periodicals mailing privileges under U.S. Postal Service rules, and which publishes regularly; or
  - (b) Whose principal business is the regular dissemination or original news and opinion of interest to a broad segment of the public.

The applicant must not be engaged in any lobbying or paid advocacy, advertising, publicity or promotion work for any individual, political party, corporation, organization, or agency of the U.S. and State of Georgia government, or in prosecuting any claim before the House or any federal government department, and will not do so while a member of the Daily Press Galleries.

Applicant's publications must be editorially independent of any institution, foundation or interest group that lobbies the state government or that is not principally a general news organization.

Trade publications must apply for a day pass to the press galleries, but will not be allowed floor access, especially on days when they have issues before the General Assembly.

Failure to provide information to the House Communications Office for this determination, or misrepresenting information, can result in the denial or revocation of credentials.

5. Members of the families or correspondents are not entitled to the privileges of the galleries.
6. Media credential requests must include the Person's name, the Media Organization they are employed by's name, contact information (i.e. phone, fax, email, etc.), and a digital/electronic photo of the person requesting the credential.
7. Anyone who has been issued a media credential by the House and is found to be in violation of Rule 4, of these policies, will have their media credential revoked, and will no longer be granted access to the House Chamber for the remainder of the calendar year.
8. Any media credential that does not have the current calendar year date will be deemed null and void.
9. Anyone found that has engaged in the duplication or counterfeit of the House's media credential will be permanently banned from receiving or being issued a media credential by the House.